

The Messenger.

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ALABAMA'S SUFFRAGE PLAN.

It was printed in newspapers in substance that the Alabamians would be very conservative in their constitutional convention in dealing with the question of negro suffrage. As the state was easily controlled now by the whites there was no danger of negro bossing of supremacy. Therefore there would be no occasion for any thing strong or drastic in the way of suffrage law and negro restraint. But we suppose the aggregated wisdom of that state is that it will not do to leave any thing to chance. With a northern republican party anxious to interfere again in southern politics, and to essay to continue negro domination (see Foraker's fiery harangue, and his numerous indorsements) that the whites may be kept in thrall and sharply punished for any disobedience to orders or for daring to talk of southern candidates on the national ticket, the Alabama emendments are not willing now to leave it possible for northern enemies, demagogues and asses to again drag and harass and enslave their own race, so they take decided measures in the reported suffrage amendment bill. To vote a citizen must prepay poll tax and certain property tax, and he must read and write also. The exceptions on account of physical disability are given. A great many crimes will prevent voting. Exceptions are made in behalf of confederate veterans and their descendants.

In Alabama many of the large landed proprietors favor a very moderate dealing with the negro suffrage matter, as they fear an exodus and a decided scarcity of labor. They would rather, as a Montgomery dispatch said, "continue counting out the negro at elections than to lose his labor. The preachers advise going to Texas or Arkansas."

That negro question is full of knots, and the northern wisecracks and the inflammatory negro advisers in the north, as well as some of the more "knowing ones" still in the south complicate the question and perplex those who are friendly to the better sort of the negro race. Every other fellow in Yankee-doodleland thinks himself specially endowed to handle the vexed problem, and the less he knows the more confident he is that he was born to disentangle and solve all difficulties. The biggest asses who handle it in the north are the cock-sure journalists who "babe of green fields," and think Sambo as great and capable and morally endowed as the most intellectual and admirable of the white race.

MORE LIGHT AS TO THE FIGHT AT ELIZABETHTOWN.

A journalist never knows when he is to get into trouble. We saw an innocent looking and interesting communication in the Whiteville Times-News upon the little fight at Elizabethtown, Bladen county, in 1782. It impressed us as possessing historic value. It was written by Robert E. Troy, of Lumberton, in 1848—and from the report of an aged participant in the fight. We thought it too important to be ignored, so gave a condensed account of it and it appeared in the Messenger of last Saturday. The worthy veteran who was in the fight said that Col. Robeson commanded, as we recall it, for we have not the Whiteville paper now.

Innocently we are called to task for the real or supposed blunder of either Mr. Troy or his heroic informer. But we know nothing of the scrimmage beyond what we have read. According to evidence sent us it was not Col. Robeson who commanded, but Col. Thomas Brown. Col. Robeson was under him. In the published address of the late Joshua G. Wright, Esq., of Creek Bridge, on the 27th of February this city, on the "Battle of Moore's 1867, at page 21, he said that Col. Thomas Brown was in command. He gives interesting particulars, and eulogizes warmly Col. Brown as "the unfettered and undaunted soldier of this country during the dark days of the revolution." This address was made seventy-five years after the battle. We do not know his authorities for the statement he makes. In 1894, the late Col. James G. Burr wrote an article long before us upon a miniature of "General Thomas Brown, of Bladen, a distinguished officer of the revolution and the hero of the battle of Elizabethtown fought in that county in 1781." Mr. Troy says 1782. We have not examined Wheeler, but learn that he gives the honor to Col. Brown. Wheeler is no authority unsupported by proofs. The late president D. L. Swain, of the university of North Carolina—unusually informed as to colonial and revolutionary times—told the late Rev. Dr. Calvin H. Wiley, as he told us in 1875, that by actual count he had discovered 1,000 errors in Wheeler.

We are not to be understood as controverting either Mr. Wright or Col. Burr. They wrote long after the event, the latter more than 112 years after the event, and we know nothing of their witnesses or authorities. Mr. Troy in 1848, gave the statement of an eye witness and participant. Was he likely to be wrong as to the commander in the fight? Probably some friend of Mr. Troy, or some one who has evidence gathered bearing upon the fight, may have something to say as to Col. Robeson. Hear the other side is a good maxim for history as for other things. Napoleon held that all history was a

fabulous. We have no definite opinion now as to who commanded at Elizabethtown on that fateful early morning in 1782.

A DEAD POET.

At the age of sixty-five Theophilus Hunter Hill has passed away at his home at Raleigh, the town of his nativity. This writer only a few weeks ago had sent him by Mr. Hill a poem that may have been his last, and his subject and sentiment not only manifested an abiding trust and unclouded hope as to the better life beyond, but the poem reads now in the view of his death as if he may have had a prevision of a speedy close of life and the coming glory that awaited him. His last stanzas were these:

"For I know that his mercy endureth, Else it had never waited for me; His life my salvation ensureth, And thine for me waiteth for thee."

As of old, ever new the sweet story Of Christ—the Redeemer of men; When grace is transfigured to glory May we sing it together again!"

We trust and feel assured, that his immortal spirit is now with the God who made it in the realms of the sanctified and glorified. We knew Mr. Hill since about 1855. In that year or the year later we read his first volume of verse, and wrote of it as some length, perhaps as much as two columns in a newspaper. He was not a prolific versifier, but he produced some poems of true melody and grace, and with original inspiration of their own. Later about 1863, we recall that we wrote a second criticism of his productions up to that time. We have no copy of either article having preserved but little of more than fifty years' scribbling." We think Mr. Hill was a genuine poet, not of a commanding or very original type, but he sang sweetly, sometimes pathetically, and there is to be found in his best work something of genuine lyrical excellence, and a careful art as well as the sincere utterance of one who was blessed with a God-given inspiration and poetical refinement. He had the poet's touch and the "swallow's song." If he was not a poet then we fear North Carolina is poor indeed, without one poet to strike the lyre. We mean that he has no superior among our native singers with their "wood-notes wild."

Indeed upon a re-casting of judgment we incline to the view that Theophilus Hill was the best of North Carolina poets. We are not essaying to write a criticism for that was done by us long ago. We add merely that like all poets he had moods. Sometimes he was even gay, something rollicking in his humor. But the more prevailing quality of his verse leant to pathos with much of a religious tone. There may be found in his dard say, a phase of melancholy in his writings. He certainly produced some memorable poems. He had smoothness, felicity, natural grace and form, and was careful in phrasing knowing the artistic use of words. We were personal friends for more than forty years, and we sincerely regret his departure, and yet may not dare to lament that he has put on fresh, enlarged life in the beautiful home prepared for him by the dear Lord and Saviour. Said He: "I go to prepare a place for you * * * that where I am, there ye may be also." The children of God never die. May his memory be long cherished by the sons and daughters of his native North Carolina!

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HOW TO BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Have you observed this season the frequency of deaths by lightning? Take last Saturday's partial reports. A bridegroom and bride were killed at Meriden, Conn., by lightning. They had unfortunately taken refuge under a tree, one of surest ways known to catch a thunderbolt. At Rockford, Ill., a base ball player was killed also by lightning and half a dozen others were stricken down at Pittsburg, Pa., all on the same day, a young boy was killed, another knocked unconscious and will probably die, and two others were stunned out will recover. They were under a large tree. Remember and keep away from all trees in a thunder storm. Last year and other years the Messenger cautioned against taking refuge under trees in a storm of lightning. We said, and it is based on forty years attention to newspaper reports of killings by lightning, that the trees were the most dangerous of all refuge. A great many people invite death by lightning by sitting in open door, or at an open window, or near or before a fire place. We believe that three-fourths of the deaths by lightning occur in the several ways mentioned. If you are out in a storm lie down in an open field and never seek a shelter under a tree. In towns keep from under trees if you are walking in a storm if it be possible to do so.

Glorious News

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TRUE MANHOOD HONORED.

The Messenger has declared dozens of times that the best friends of the negro race were the better class of whites. There is a kindly even sympathetic feeling existing on the part of the whites for the better men and women of the inferior race. There is hardly a reputable white man to be found who has no negro acquaintances for whom he cherishes pleasant and even very * * * attachments. This * * * constantly in the meeting of old friends and acquaintances between the two races. We recall this interesting fact as we read an editorial in the Charlotte Observer headed—"The Death of a Good Man." Frank Johnson, the negro janitor of that office died after a short illness. The editor evidently much touched by the death of a faithful friend appreciatively says:

"This bears witness to the passing of a good man. He had the keenest and highest perception of his duty and did his duty. He saved bother; he was at hand when needed; he was faithful and true. For eight years and more he had served the head of the house—and studied him and learned his ways—and no more devoted servant ever served me." To say that this service was the ruling spirit of a loyal nature is an apology for alluding to private sorrow. Frank was of the ante-bellum type which reckoned the perfect relationship between the master and his negro as the chief thing in life. This ideal he labored to fulfill and fulfilled. And so he will be missed—this negro who has parted from the man."

We have often read most touching, affectionate articles upon dead men and women of the negro race that were written by white people who admired and understood and who would thus honor their cherished memories. There is many a brave soul, consecrated manhood, true heart, noble nature, faithful and loving, under a skin dark by nature.

DEPEW STICKS.

Chauncey Depew has no weight in the United States Senate. He is not an intellectual factor or power. He is regarded as a holiday orator of the most millifolious type—ready, gushing, and full of "galore." Chauncey sticks to the idea of having President McKinley to stand for a third term. But he has incontinently kicked aside that impertinent and will have nothing of it. It is the wisest, most becoming act of the president since he took his first oath of office as head of the "nation." Chauncey writes without intelligence or right perception. Think of the south being warmly in advocacy of a third term for McKinley. How absurd and wide of the mark, and still the flamboyant New Yorker so affirms. He urges that really there are no good grounds for offering a third term in general. So Hamilton thought and spoke of his own British ideas, as the government needed by the recently freed colonies. But the people see great and irresistible objection to perpetuating the one man in office, and they will have no third term so long as they can vote unawed and untrammelled. The fellow who said his horse was 16 feet high when told of it, asked—"Did I say feet? Then I stick to it." Hands and feet were all one to him. Depew is of that sort.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Elisha Hargrove will preside over the district conference at Asheboro the first Sunday in August.

A Ridgeway letter to the Warren Record says that 1,200 crates of dewberries were shipped from that point to northern markets one day last week.

The Statesville Landmark says that Chief Justice Furches and Judge Coble have both given in their income for taxation though they are personally of the opinion that they are not liable to the tax. A violent wind storm uprooted fifty immense trees. One kitchen and one barn were blown down. The Asheville Citizen says that no damage was done in the country, the storm being confined to the town.

Raleigh News and Observer: Scotland Neck, N. C., June 28.—Yesterday at the home of the bride's mother in Edgecombe county, near Epworth, Miss Blanche Draughan was married to Mr. Henry King, editor of King's Weekly, of Greenville, N. C. The bridal party came here and took the afternoon train for the home of the groom.—Warrenton, N. C., June 28.—This morning at 2 o'clock the fire alarm was given and the people and fire company responded to find the dwelling house on Main street occupied by Mr. C. C. Hunter on fire. On account of the inability to get water the house was soon destroyed by the flames. Mr. Hunter saved most all of his furniture. It is supposed the fire originated from the cook room. The house belonged to Mrs. Haywood Clark of Wilmington and was insured.—At the recent commencement exercises at Bates college, Lewiston, Maine, the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Professor N. C. Bruce, one of the first colored teachers of the south. In Raleigh, where he resides and is known as Professor Bruce has the confidence of good men of both races.

A Life and Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines, of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Regular size 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store."

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The carpet bag administration is giving dissatisfaction in Hawaii, just as it will give dissatisfaction anywhere where the people are capable of governing themselves. This government has never made a success of it but it keeps on trying.—Durham Herald.

For quite three score years and ten Mr. Hill has gone in and out among the people of his native city, esteemed by all, sincerely loved by those who knew his many and amiable traits and kindness of heart best. He was both an educated and a cultivated man, loved books, being particularly fond of those which treated of Nature. The finest poets were his masters in literature, possessing himself to a high degree a goodly measure of the divine afflatus.—Raleigh Post.

Mr. Hill was a real poet, being one of the sweetest singers the south has ever produced. His notes were always clear and sweet and gentle. His poems were as artistic in finish as they were musical in quality. He, however, only published two small volumes of poems. His earlier verses were published during the war under a confederate copyright. The collection usually found on library shelves was published by Hurd and Houghton, New York, in 1869.—Raleigh News and Observer.

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DAILY NO. 40.—Passenger.—Due Maxton 7:00 p. m., Goldsboro 7:37 p. m., Winston 8:23 p. m., Rocky Mount 9:08 p. m., Tarboro 10:01 p. m., Petersburg 10:52 p. m., Richmond 11:38 p. m., Norfolk 12:25 p. m., Washington 1:12 p. m., Baltimore 2:00 p. m., Philadelphia 2:48 p. m., New York 3:35 p. m. (Boston 10:30 p. m.).

DAILY NO. 50.—Passenger.—Due Jacksonville 5:40 p. m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY NO. 55.—Passenger.—Due Lake 3:45 p. m., Waccamaw 4:33 p. m., Chadron 5:20 p. m., Florence 6:08 p. m., Sumter 6:55 p. m., Columbia 7:43 p. m., Denmark 8:30 p. m., Mac 9:18 p. m., Atlanta 10:05 p. m., Savannah 10:52 p. m., Jacksonville 11:40 p. m. (St. Augustine 10:50 a. m., Mac 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:00 p. m.).

DAILY NO. 53.—Passenger.—Due Fayetteville 11:25 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 1:35 p. m., arrives Sanford 1:45 p. m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON.—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY NO. 49.—Passenger.—Leave Fayetteville 1:35 p. m., arrive Wilmington 12:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:30 a. m., Baltimore 2:55 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 5:18 a. m., Petersburg 6:05 a. m., Norfolk 6:52 a. m., Weldon 7:40 a. m., Rocky Mount 8:28 a. m., Tarboro 9:15 a. m., Chesapeake 10:02 a. m., Baltimore 10:50 a. m., Philadelphia 11:38 a. m., New York 12:25 p. m. (Boston 7:30 p. m.).

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FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY NO. 54.—Passenger.—Leave Tampa 1:25 p. m., arrive Jacksonville 12:35 p. m., Jacksonville 1:30 a. m., Charleston 6:45 a. m., Atlanta 7:50 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Savannah 10:00 a. m., Columbia 11:00 a. m., Sumter 12:00 p. m., Florence 1:00 p. m., Waccamaw 2:00 p. m., Lake Waccamaw 3:00 p. m., Jacksonville 4:00 p. m.

DAILY NO. 52.—Passenger.—Leave Sanford 1:35 p. m., arrive Fayetteville 1:45 p. m., leave Fayetteville 4:30 a. m.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:10 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Red Springs 9:22 a. m., Parkton 10:02 a. m., arrive Fayetteville 11:10 a. m., returning leave Fayetteville 1:10 p. m., Red Springs 1:27 p. m., Parkton 2:07 p. m., Maxton 2:47 p. m., Bennettsville 3:37 p. m.

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